Production of Foodgrains in Punjab

4039. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of foodgrains in the country particularly in the State of Punjab during the last five years;

(b) the name of the States which had the highest growth rate in the foodgrains production; and

(c) what concrete steps Government propose to take to increase the foodgrains in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): The total production of foodgrains in the country and in the State of Punjab during the last five years is as follows:

(Million tonnes)

Year	India	Punjab
1989-90 . .	171.04	18.99
1990-91 . .	176.39	19.25
1991-92 . . .	168.38	19.63
1992-93 . .	179.48	20.01
1993-94 . . .	182.12	21.52

(b) During the recent period of 1980-81 to 1992-93, the States of West Bengal, Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Tamilnadu and Orissa have shown relatively higher growth rates in foodgrains production than the All-India average.

(c) For increasing the productivity and production of foodgrains, crop oriented production programmes viz. Integrated Cereals Development Programme—Rice, Wheat and Coarse Cereals, and National Pulses Development Programme (NPDP) are being implemented. Besides, programmes for increasing the use of fertiliser in low consumption areas and extension of irrigation facilities are being implemented to improve the production of crops.

Incentives for development of Horticulture crops

4040. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 1670 given in Rajya Sabha on 24th March, 1995 and state:

(a) the incentives in terms of rupee and material given by Centre and the State Governments by way of subsidy on planting material for area expansion and for rejuvenation of old plantation, fertilizers, plant protection chemicals, training of farmers, etc. for improving productivity and quality; and

(b) what are the details, terms and amount available for soft loan for development of the infrastructure for post harvest handling and marketing of produce both for domestic and export market provided by National Horticulture Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The incentives assistance available for these items under the centrally sponsored schemes of fruits and cashew development as well as the schemes of Government of Andhra Pradesh are given in Statement I and II respectively (*See* below)

(b) The National Horticulture Board is implementing two schemes during VIII Plan period (i) Integrated project on management of post harvest infrastructure of horticulture crops at a total cost of Rs. 47 crores, and (ii) Development of marketing of

horticulture produce through participation in soft loan at a total cost of Rs. 50 crores.

For the first scheme, the maximum assistance is available upto 50 per cent of the identified component limited to Rs. 1.00 crore per beneficiary and for the second scheme, the loan support upto a maximum of 40 per cent of the loan portion subject to a ceiling of Rs. 1 crore is admissible. Both the schemes carry service charges@ 4 per cent annum and the amount is repayable in five annual instalments with a moratorium upto three years.

The assistance is available to the following organisations:—

(i) Cooperative Societies|Associatic Associations of Growers|NGOs.

(ii) Agri-business Consortium

(iii) Public Sector Corporation.

(iv) Private Corporation sector.

The proposal should be supported by the following documents:

—State Government Guarantee/Bank Guarantee|Collateral Security equivalent to loan amount.

—In the absence of State Government Guarantee|Bank Guarantee|Collateral Security, Mortgage Deed of the property|other legal documents equivalent to loan amount has to be executed.

—Estimates and land available certificate from local body where the civil work is involved.

—Proforma invoices from authorised dealer in case of purchase of any *item except for civil work material.*

—Affidavit of non-concealment of facts.

—Balance sheet for the last three years (in case of old organisations) and projections for the next three years.

—List of members, their addresses, contribution, area, crop and production in case of cooperative societies.

Statement-I

Assistance available under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes

1. Integrated development of tropical, arid zone and temperate fruits :—		
(a) *Assistance to farmers :*		
(i) Small nurseries	:	Rs. 20000 in each case or 50% whichever is less.
(ii) Tissue culture units	:	Rs. 10 lakhs each or 20% whichever is less.
(iii) Training of farmers	:	Rs. 50000 per group of 50 farmers including fare etc.
(iv) Area expansion	:	50% of the total cost in split instalments (50% during Ist year, 15% each in IInd year and III year and 20% in 4th year).
		The assistance is provided between Rs. 6000 to 60000 per hectare depending on the type of crops. The crops covered under assistance are mango, litchi, citrus, sapota, guava, grapes, ber, banana and other miscellaneous fruit crops in an area of 0.5 ha. to each beneficiary.

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	(v) Improving productivity/ rejuvenation	: The assistance is provided between Rs. 1200 to 3000 per ha. depending on the type of crop. The assistance is available in apple, walnut, almond, citrus, guava, litchi, mango, sapota and other miscellaneous crops.

(b) *Assistance to State Government/Public Institutions :*

(i) Large nurseries establishment or improvement	:	@ Rs. 18 lakhs each
(ii) Establishment of tissue culture units	:	@ Rs. 21 lakhs each

2. *Cashew Development*

(i) Area expansion and maintenance of cashew :		
(a) General holdings	:	@ Rs. 7000/per ha in 5 years
(b) S.T. holdings	:	@ Rs. 13000/per ha in 5 years
(ii) Replanting/rejuvenation by top working	:	@ Rs. 8250/per ha in 5 years.
(iii) Adoption of comprehensive production technology	:	@ Rs. 1500/per ha for 3 consecutive seasons.
(iv) Adoption of pest control measures	:	@ Rs. 780/ per ha for two operations

Statement-II

Incentives/assistance available under the State Government Scheme

Item	Crop					(in Rs.)
	Mango	Cashew				
Rejuvenation	10 mango grafts costing Rs. 12/- per graft on 100% subsidy to farmers for an area of 0.4 ha.	I year	II year	III year	IV year	Vyear
Area expansion (Planting material)	75% subsidy to S.C. farmers on grafts for 2 acres	1680	200 (for gap filling)	—	—	—
Fertilizers	50% of subsidy or Rs. 167/- per farmer	300	650	900	450	450
Pesticidies	50% subsidy or Rs. 189/- per farmer	100	650	800	400	400
Training	Training in the post harvest technology of mango					